Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal and Rajasthan are proposed for declaration as National Highways.

(c) No, Sir. Since, this is a State Highway and the Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

By-passes for National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

606. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct by-passes for National Highways in Andhra Pradesh to reduce congestion on the highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposals of the State Government in this regard is pending with the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Construction of two by-passes at Pithapuram and Tallarevu on National Highway No. 214 is proposed. Besides, feasibility study of Madanapalli by-pass on National Highway 219 and land acquisition of by-passes at Mummadivaram and Bhimavaram on NH-214 are included in the Annual Plan for 2001-02.

(c) Estimates for construction of Pithapuram and Tallarevu by-passes and alignment plan of Madanapalli by-pass have been received from the State PWD.

Road Projects in Orissa

607. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major road projects approved for Orissa and the quantum of money sanctioned for each such project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank assistance is not forthcoming for road construction in the State; and